



EDWARD R. MURROW

Program for Journalists

Connecting People, Creating Understanding



The U.S. Department of State's Edward R. Murrow Program for Journalists brings more than 100 emerging leaders in the field of journalism from around the world to the U.S. each year to examine journalistic practices in the United States. The program is an innovative public-private partnership between the Department of State and several top U.S. schools of journalism. The 2013 program is scheduled for October 28-November 15.

Program Details

Working in conjunction with U.S. journalism schools across the country, the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs developed a specialized International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) to engage young international media professionals in dialogue with their U.S. counterparts and highlight foreign affairs reporting. After initial sessions in Washington, DC, the participants travel in smaller groups for academic seminars and field activities with faculty and students at schools of journalism.

The participants also travel to different U.S. cities to gain an understanding of media coverage of state politics and government and to observe

civic life and grassroots involvement. The 2013 program will conclude in New York, with visits to major media outlets and discussions regarding the essential role of independent media in fostering and protecting freedom of expression and democracy.

Since its inception in 2006, the program has brought more than 1,000 foreign journalists to the United States. There is no application. Participants are nominated by U.S. Embassy staff worldwide.

Cultivating New Ideas

An independent analysis of the program found that participants acknowledged an increase in:

- Understanding of U.S. society, the policymaking process, and government
- Knowledge of specific subjects discussed during the program, including human rights, diversity, fighting corruption, and women in society
- Knowledge of current trends in the media profession, including alternative media
- Desire to consult a wider variety of sources, like nongovernmental sources, the internet, and international media.



PARTNER UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Universities generously contribute their resources, time, and talent for this program. The partner schools this year are:

- **Walter Cronkite School of Journalism**, Arizona State University
- **Manship School of Mass Communication**, Louisiana State University
- **Newhouse School of Public Communications and Maxwell School of Citizenship**, Syracuse University
- **Gaylord College of Journalism**, University of Oklahoma
- **Grady College of Journalism**, University of Georgia
- **School of Journalism and Mass Communications**, University of Minnesota
- **School of Journalism and Mass Communication**, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- **Department of Journalism and Media Studies**, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg
- **School of Journalism and Electronic Media**, University of Tennessee

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